

CAPSULE SUMMARY

FOR

DUFIEF MILL SITE

14000 TURKEY FOOT ROAD, DARNESTOWN

Montgomery County Survey Prefix & Site Number: M-24/17

Approximate Building Date: mill: late 18th - early 19th century

millers' house: circa 1853-1866

Town or Vicinity in which Resource is Located: Darnestown

Access: Private

Although the mill is no longer extant, the mill site is an intact archeological resource located on the property of 14000 Turkey Foot Road, which was the millers' house. The mill was located northwest of the intersection of the Muddy Branch and Turkey Foot Road. Now marked by a mound, the site is southwest of the present barn and south of the springhouse. The mill race may still be seen running from the barn in a westerly direction between the mill-site mound to the south and the springhouse to the north towards a wooded area where it trails off. The millers' house faces east toward Turkey Foot Road. Probably built between 1853 and 1866, the original house is three by two bay, two and a half stories, with side gables and a center entrance. Outbuildings, in addition to the springhouse and barn, include a smokehouse, two garages, and another small shed. The millers' house is significant for its association with prominent figure John L. Dufief, though it has been greatly altered.

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. H: 24-17

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic DuFief Mill, Glenwood Mills

and/or common Old Mill Farm

2. Location

street & number 14000 Turkey Foot Road not for publication

city, town Gaithersburg vicinity of congressional district 8

state MD county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<u> </u> religious
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Jacques D'Epremesnil

street & number 14000 Turkey Foot Road telephone no.: (301) 948-5198

city, town Gaithersburg state and zip code MD 20878

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 3277

street & number 51 Monroe Street folio 242

city, town Rockville state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Montgomery County Locational Atlas of Historic Sites

 1976 federal state county local

depository for survey records M-NCPPC

city, town Silver Spring state MD

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☒ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The mill site is an intact archeological site located on the property of 14000 Turkey Foot Road, which was the miller's house. The mill was located northwest of the intersection of the Muddy Branch and Turkey Foot Road. Now marked by a mound, the site is southwest of the present barn and south of the springhouse. (See attached sketch map.)

The tail race may still be seen running from the barn in a westerly direction between the mill-site mound to the south and the springhouse to the north towards a wooded area where it trails off. A short section of the mill race runs in a roughly north-south direction perpendicular to the Muddy Branch on the opposite (east) side of Turkey Foot Road.

The miller's house, set up on a hill northwest of the mill site, faces east toward Turkey Foot Road. Probably built between 1853 and 1866, the original house is three by two bay, two and a half stories, with side gables and a center entrance. Alterations include the addition of tri-part, multi-pane windows flanking the front door which are surmounted by a full-width hip roof extending across the entrance, a two story addition to the north, and a rear two story ell extending to the south side.

Outbuildings, in addition to the springhouse and barn, include a smoke house, two garages, and another small frame shed, which are arrayed along the north side of the driveway, north of the house.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c1853-1866 Builder/Architect Unknown (possibly John L DuFief)

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☒ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Summary:

The miller's house, built in the mid-19th century, is significant for its association with prominent figure John L. Dufief, though it has been greatly altered. The mill is no longer extant; the site is an intact archeological resource.

John Lawrence DuFief, an architect, builder, and farmer, was a prominent public figure who was a member of the Executive Committee of the County's Agriculture Society and President of the Board of County Commissioners. Upon his death, an obituary stated, "His knowledge and skill as a practical architect, was always at the service of his friends and some of the most elegant and commodious houses in the county were planned by him, and built by his instructions."¹

In response to the Harper's Ferry incident, he served as an officer in a mounted rifle company. He was elected a second lieutenant in the Rockville Mounted Rifle Company, and, a short time later, in 1861, he was captain of a company of volunteers in the Darnestown area. He retained this title for the rest of his life. Though he owned 19 slaves, and attended the 1859 Slaveholders Convention as one of ten Montgomery County delegates, DuFief is said to have supported the Union during the Civil War, opposing secession of the southern states.²

DuFief was born in Georgetown in 1817, and died in Montgomery County in 1877. In 1847, he married Catherine Amelia Talbott of Prince George's County. Their first child, John Lawrence Jr., was born in Washington, D.C.

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Through an inheritance of a substantial sum of money from an aunt, Mary DuFief Fowler, of New Orleans, DuFief was able to purchase a sizeable farm in Montgomery County where he moved with his wife and two children, probably John Lawrence, Jr. and Mary E., in 1853. Here he lived for the remainder of his life.

In addition to the farm property which he called Millwood, DuFief acquired a 19 acre tract containing the Glenwood Mills. The property contained a flour and saw mill, miller's house, warehouse and barrel house. To complete the operation, a warehouse was built on the C&O Canal together with a road connecting it to the mill (part of which is now Pennyfield Road). In addition a road leading to the east connected it with additional commerce (present-day DuFief Mill Road).

In 1863, the mill was cannibalized for repair of the Seneca Mill. Slate was taken off the roof and timbers were removed. Yet when DuFief attempted to sell the property in 1866 to pay off his debts, he described the mill with slate roof intact:

"This very desirable property is situated on a never-failing stream, affording a 40-horse power for the Flouring and Saw Mill. **The Mill** is 50 by 60 feet, four stories, high, slate roof, built of the best materials, and workmanship of the best kind; three runs of burs, and all necessary Machinery, of the most improved and durable kind and superior finish. This mill is capable of manufacturing from 10,000 to 12,000 barrels of flour annually.

THE SAW MILL is equal to any in the county, or elsewhere. All the Gearing throughout the Flouring and Saw Mill is Cast Iron. For durability and elegance of finish, it is equal to any mill in the state.

Miller's House, containing Four Rooms, STABLE, WAREHOUSE, and BARREL-HOUSE."³

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The DuFief family retained the property, however, since it was included with DuFief's real estate after his death. In 1870, the DuFiefs had seven children living at home (John Lawrence, Jr. was living elsewhere), and had three white farm laborers and a black domestic servant in their employ.⁴

Following DuFief's death, an auction was held in 1879. The mill complex, located on Lot 3, contained 147 3/4 acres.

At the time, the property was "in a good state of cultivation and improved by a large Three Story Mill with good waterpower being located on Muddy Branch. Frame Dwelling House containing 4 rooms, Meat House, Hen House and Blacksmith's Shop. It has some Peach and Apple trees, has plenty of wood--oak, hickory, and some chestnut and is well watered."⁵

The mill was probably built in the late 18th or early 19th century. The 1879 Hopkins Atlas describes the resource as the "old grist mill."

Dufief's house at Millwood was demolished in 1941.⁶

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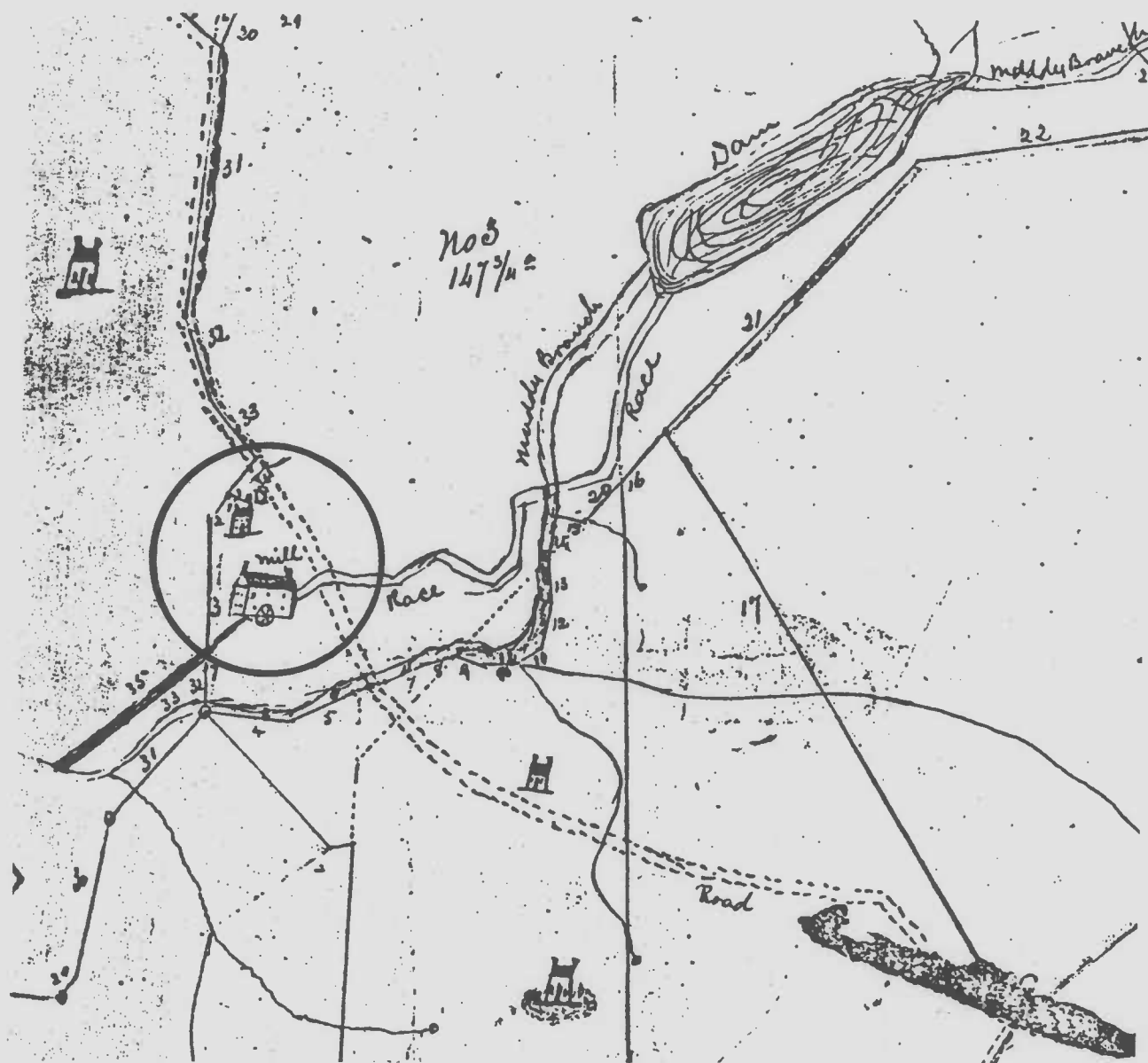
Preservation Planning Data

- a. Geographic Organization: Piedmont
- b. Chronological/Developmental Periods:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition - A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance - A.D. 1870-1930
- c. Historic Period Themes:
Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- d. Resource Type:
Category: Buildings, Sites
Historic Environment: Rural
Historic Function(s): Mill, Miller's House
Uses: Residential, Commercial

Endnotes

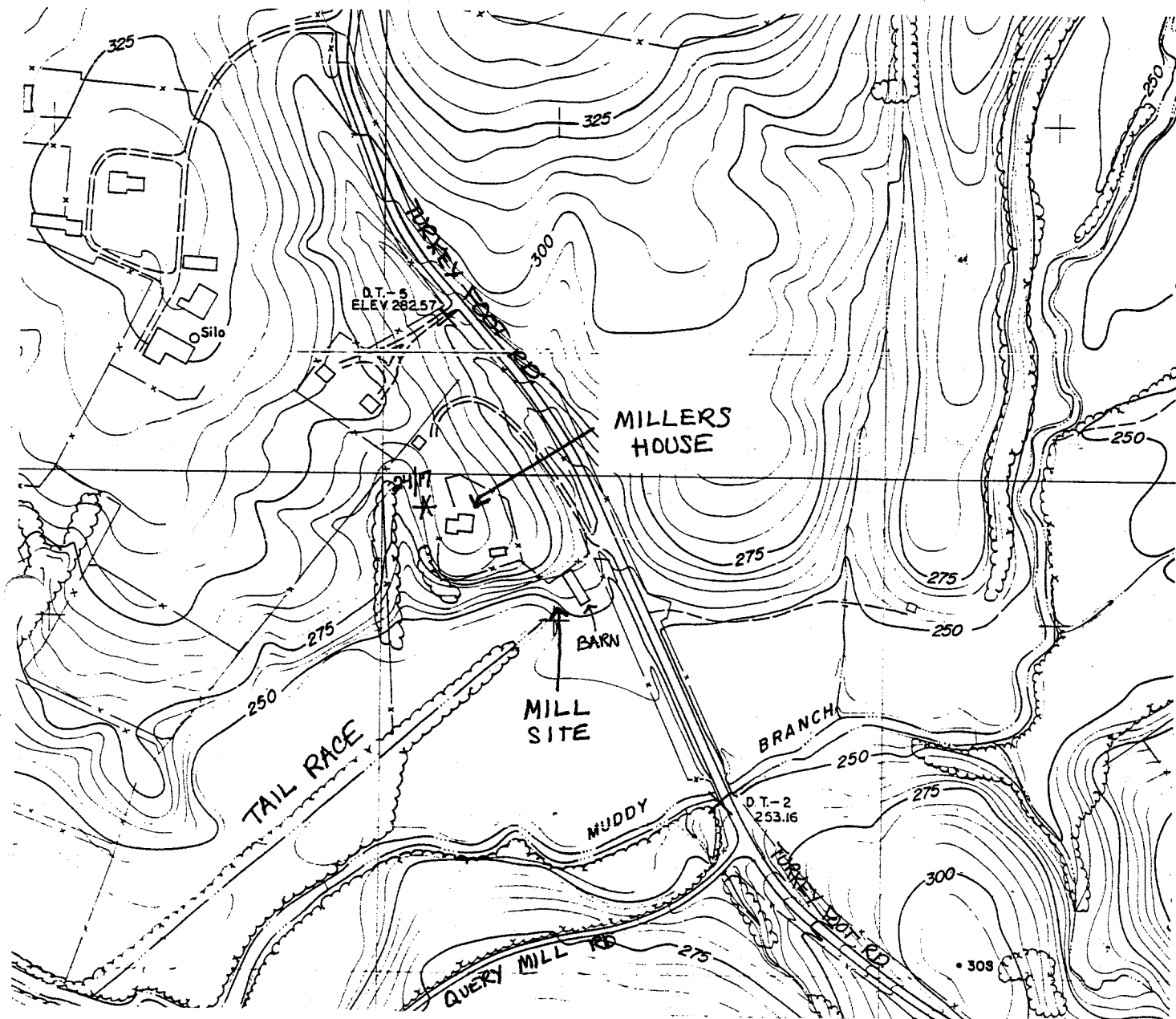
- ¹DuFief was a County Commissioner 1863-5, and 1867-8.
- ² MacMaster and Hiebert, **A Grateful Remembrance**, 160, 162, 168.
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- ⁴ 1870 Census Record, Darnestown District, Family #603.
- ⁵ Equity Case EBP 14:179.
- ⁶ Notes on "Death Notice," DuFief Genealogy File, MCHS.

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DuFief Mill and Miller's House, shown on 1878 plat of John L. DuFief's real estate (detail). William Grady, surveyor. (Equity Record EBP 14:179)

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Topographic map showing recent conditions of DuFief Mill Site. (Reduced) Maddox & Hopkins, 1963.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FORM
LOCATIONAL MAP

SURVEY NO.: M'24/17
PROPERTY NAME: Dufief Mill Site
TOWN: Darnestown
COUNTY: MONTGOMERY
QUADRANGLE: Seneca, MD-VA



DUFFIE MILL SITE

M-24/17

14000 TURKEY FOOT RD

DARNESTOWN MD (MONTGOMERY CO)

CLARE LISE CAVICCHI

6/94

NORTH ELEVATION, MILLERS HOUSE

NEG: MD SHPO

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DUFIEF MILL SITE

M-24/17

14000 TURKEY FOOT RD

DARNESTOWN MD (MOUNT GOMERY CO)

CLARE LISE CAVICCHI

6/94

WEST ELEVATIONS (L & R)

& NORTH ELEVATIONS OF WEST WING (CTR)

MILLER'S HOUSE

NEG: MD SHPO

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DUFIEF MILL SITE

M-24/17

14000 TURKEY FOOT RD

DARNESTOWN MD (MONTGOMERY CO)

CLARE LISE CAVICCHI

6/94

SOUTH ELEVATION, MILLER'S HOUSE

EAST END

NEG: MDSHPD

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DUFIEF MILL SITE

M-24/17

14000 TURKEY FOOT RD

DARNESTOWN MD (MONTGOMERY CO)

CLARE LISE CAVICCHI

6/94

SOUTH ELEVATION, MILLER'S HOUSE

WEST END

NEG: MD SHP6

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DUFIEF MILL SITE

M-24/17

14000 TURKEY FOOT RD

DARNESTOWN MD (MONTGOMERY CO)

CLARE LISE BAVICCHI

6/94

POOLHOUSE

WEST NEG: MD SHPO

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DUFIEF MILL SITE

M-24/17

14000 TURKEY FOOT RD

DARNESTOWN MD (MONT CO)

CLARE LISE CAVICCHI

6/94

GARAGES, SOUTH

NEG: MD SHPO

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DUFIEF MILL SITE

M-24/17

14000 TURKEY FOOT RD

DARKESTOWN MD (MONT CO)

CLARE LISE CAVICCHI

6/94

OUTBLDGs, SOUTH

NE6: MD JHPD

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TURKEY MILL SITE

M-24/17

14000 TURKEY FOOT RD

DARNESTOWN MD (MONT CO)

CLARE LISE CAVICCHI

6/94

BARN, EAST

NEG: MD SHPO

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DUFFIE MILL SITE

M. 24/17

14000 TURKEY FOOT RD

DARNESTOWN MD (MONT CO)

CLARE LISE CANICCHI

6/94

LOOKING AT MILL SITE FROM WEST

WEST FACADE OF BARN

NEG: MD SHPO

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NAME	SITE OF DUFIEF'S MILL	#24-17
LOCATION	MUDDY BRANCH & JONES LANE	TRAVILAH, MD
FACADE	LOOKING N	
PHOTO TAKEN	2/26/75 MOWYER	